compatible measures, including by calibrating the applied tariffs within the bound duties.

Indo-China Trade

2582. SHRI B. J PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that Indo-China trade has now increased at an astonishing rate;

if so, the details thereof;

whether China is better placed than India in trade in the international market;

if so, the reasons thereof; and

what is Government's action plan to give a boost to our trade in the international market on the lines of China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) During the last five years India-China trade-has increased at an average growth rate of 44.68%. The details of the last five years trade with China is given below.

(Figures in US$ MILLION)

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (P)
Export	828 68	951.95	1975.48	2955.10	4586.28
%age growth	+53.81	+14.87	+107.51	49 58	+55.20
Import	1492.49	2036 39	2792.04	405323	6746.66
%age growth	+ 15.99	+36 44	+37.10	+45.17	+66.45
Trade volume	2321.17	2988.34	4767 52	7008.33	11332.94
%age growth	+27.15	+28 74	+59 53	+47.00	+61.70

(Source DGCI&S)
(P)-Provis

(c) and (d) China's total trade in the year 2005 stood at US$1422.54 billion. While Chinese imports totalled US $ 660.22 billion in 2005, exports recorded a value of US $ 762.32 billion. In 2005, total Chinese trade surplus stood at US$102.1 billion.

(e) Efforts being made on an ongoing basis to improve our trade in the international market include participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, exchange of delegation at both Governmental and business level, establishing Joint Study Groups and Joint Task Force, exchange of information etc.

Indo-Swiss bilateral trade

2583. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that Switzerland has shown interest to explore an FTA with India;

if so, the details thereof;

what is the current Indo-Swiss bilateral trade; and

what are the details of sectors where Switzerland has shown interest for cooperation with India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) There is presently no proposal from Switzerland to explore FTA with India.

(c) During the calendar year 2005-06 Indo-Swiss bilateral trade was to the tune US$5.3 billion (April-Dec. 2005) of which India's exports were about US$0.3 billion and Switzerland's exports to India were about US$5 billion.

(Source:- Director General Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Kolkata)

(d) Switzerland has shown interest in cooperation with India in sectors such as engineering including micro engineering, medical devices, textiles, special protection clothes, agro-processing, tourism, infrastructure and environmental protection technology (waste disposal) and cooperation with Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Duty on indian tea in Pakistan

2584. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Tea is subject to 10 percent import duty by Pakistan whereas imports from Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh enjoy zero duty;